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I, Mrs. Mindner, hereby state that I am a secretary and at all times relevant hereto, I have been employed as a secretary in the Patent Department of Robert Bosch GmbH.

On April 8, 2003, I executed a Declaration in which I stated that I wrote to Mr. Scheschark on three occasions requesting signed and dated application papers with respect to U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/049,546, Bosch Ref.: R. 38531.

I herewith state that the documents which I sent to Mr. Scheschark were a complete copy of the international application relating to PCT/DE 01/02024 which is Bosch Ref. R. 38531, as well as the Declaration for signature and dating and return.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that those statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

Dated: -5. Juli 2004

Karin Mindner
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